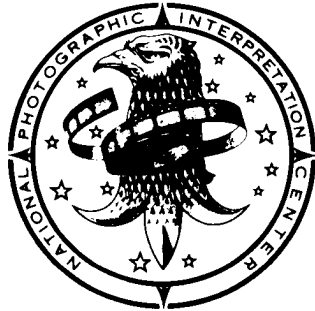


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(TSR) At Saki Airfield [redacted] USSR, one FORGER A aircraft was observed in flight for the first time on satellite [redacted] The aircraft was seen hovering [redacted] over one of the vertical takeoff or landing (VTOL) pads at the southwest end of the airfield in preparation for horizontal flight (Figure 1). [redacted]

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(S/WNINTEL) In addition, four FORGER A, two FORGER B, and two FISHBED aircraft were observed on the parking apron near the VTOL pads. One of the FORGER B aircraft was taxiing toward the VTOL pads for possible flight activity, and a FISHBED aircraft was landing.

(S/WNINTEL) Eight other FORGER aircraft deployed at this airfield were seen in the FORGER dispersal area. Six FORGER A were parked on hardstands, one FORGER A was parked on a test/maintenance pad, and one FORGER B was parked on the grass. Six additional FISHBED aircraft were also parked on hardstands in this dispersal area.

(S) Saki Airfield is a Soviet naval aviation airfield, 23 nautical miles west-northwest of Simferopol. It is a support airfield for a BLINDER reconnaissance regiment and a FORGER unit subordinate to the Black Sea Fleet Air Force.



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